

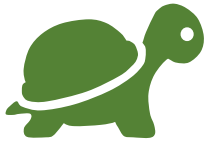
Emergency Vehicle Safety

Motor vehicle related incidents are one of the most common causes of injury and death for first responders. Follow these lifesaving tips to help you safely operate an emergency vehicle:



Drive Defensively. Be aware of your surroundings, never assume other vehicles see you.

Always Wear a Seatbelt. Do not move the vehicle until all passengers are seated and wearing a seatbelt. Make sure the vehicle is fully stopped before anyone unbuckles and exits.



Slow Down. Speed kills. Follow the posted speed limits and drive slower in inclement weather.

Be Alert at Intersections. Be prepared to stop at intersections. This is where most accidents occur.



Park Safely. Use the parking break and appropriate warning lights, avoid blinding oncoming traffic with headlights and scene lighting, chock the wheels and park away from hazardous areas.

Use a Spotter When Backing Up. Use at least one spotter, preferably two, when operating the vehicle in reverse. Avoid backing up whenever possible.



Never Drive Under the Influence of drugs, alcohol, medications or excessive fatigue.